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WHY TO BE THANKFUL.

THIS WILL BE a sad Christmas in more than one Salt Lake home, but we can conceive of none sadder than that which will be spent in a little home on I street. The father died of diphtheria Wednesday. Yesterday his body was taken to the grave. There are three children in the house. All of them are ill with diphtheria. There will be joy all around this little home on Christmas day, but there will be no joy in it. With the curtains drawn, a widow will mourn for her dead while she prays to God to spare the children, to bring them back out of the Valley of the Shadow and restore them to her.

You who read these lines may think that Christmas means very little to you. You may believe you have very little to be thankful for, very little reason for entering into the Christmas celebration. Yet you are alive and well, you have enough money for your immediate needs, at least, you have little children, perhaps, who will make your home a paradise on Christmas day even though their toys are the cheapest that you could buy. What right have you to be gloomy?

Into each life must come some tragedy, into each some mirth. The people cannot all be happy at the same time or all sad together. But all of us would be happy oftener if we thought oftener of our blessings. A well known Salt Lake preacher spoke truly when he said last Sunday that it is much harder to rejoice with those who do rejoice than to weep with those who weep. We are always ready to recognize misfortune. Too often we fail to recognize our blessings and the blessings of those around us.

We would not sicken your Christmas with the thought of the house of mourning on I street except insofar as such thoughts are necessary in order to remind you of your blessings. If you want to find reasons for rejoicing this year you will find them in plenty all around you. God help the sorrowing widow, and may he give back her children to her. May the consolation only he can give be hers and may we all remember that, while we cannot carry joy into that little home, we can give thanks out of full hearts for the mercies we have not thought worth while before.

THE PARKER DINNER.

THE DINNER GIVEN in honor of Judge Parker by his brother lawyers of New York Wednesday night must always be a pleasant memory to the late candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency. Tributes were paid to Judge Parker by lawyers prominent in both the Democratic and the Republican parties, and in all of them was the ring of sincerity. The remarks of Elihu Root, former secretary of war, who could have been governor of New York today if he had wanted the place, was particularly timely.

Mr. Root praised Judge Parker's career on the bench and as a citizen, and extended him a cordial welcome to the ranks of the New York profession. Such praise, from such a man, was praise indeed. And that Judge Parker was entitled to a cordial welcome nobody will deny. He is an honest, capable, straightforward man, one who, as a judge, measured out equal and exact justice to all; and as a practitioner Judge Parker will defend the interests of his clients as faithfully and as ably as any lawyer in the land.

He will surely prosper in New York, for he will almost immediately command a large and lucrative practice. Though he is more than 50 years of age, Judge Parker has, in all human probability, many years of life ahead of him, years in which he will add much to his store of the goods of this world and to the sum of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow Americans.

He himself has said that he will never again be a candidate for any office. We believe he meant what he said. He has not the temperament which Americans have come to demand in one who aspires to lead them, though his qualifications for the holding of any office he would accept are indisputable. It is to be hoped that some day Judge Parker will be given a place on the United States supreme bench. In such a place he would reflect honor upon himself and upon the court.

But whether he ever goes to the supreme bench or not, Judge Parker will always enjoy the cordial good wishes of his countrymen, regardless of politics. The compliments of the season to him, and may he live long and prosper.

REMARKS COURTEOUS.

"YOU ARE A SCOUNDREL, a blackmailer, a wolf, a thief and a prince of good fellows," said Colonel W. C. Greene to Thomas W. Lawson the other day. "And," he continued, "I am happy to know you." "I thank you, colonel," replied Mr. Lawson. "You are the cowardly tool of a lot of cowardly sharks in Wall street; you are a braggart and a cur and a knave, gentlemanly fellow. I want you to know that I am your friend."

"That some of your shells are damaging our Red Cross hospitals, and I respectfully request you to desist. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you assurances of my high regard." "I have the honor to inform you," wrote General Nogi to General Stoeness, "that the shelling of your Red Cross hospitals was entirely unintentional. I will do my best to see that it does not occur again. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you excellency assurances of my highest regards."

Mr. Lawson is continuing his programme of battering the life out of Colonel Greene's stocks. General Nogi is still hammering away at Port Arthur and General Stoeness. Greene is firing back at Lawson and Stoeness, doing his best to decimate the army of General Nogi. It is pleasant to observe, however, the friendly feeling between the men. Lawson wouldn't for the world do anything to injure Greene personally. Nogi entertains the friendly feeling for Stoeness.

Altruists will think it is a pity that, especially in the case of Nogi and Stoeness, the friendship should not extend beyond an exchange of courteous notes. They will say that men who admire each other as much as these men do should not be at each other's throats. But more than mere friendships are involved in the struggle in Manchuria. There is not one Russian soldier in a hundred on the firing line who would maliciously harm a Jap, or one Jap in a hundred who would maliciously harm a Russian, if the countries were at peace.

As matters stand, though, they may be expected to shoot to kill until a peace protocol is signed, no matter how many assurances of distinguished regards pass between them.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

AN INDIANA MAN who was recently elected to the legislature has announced that he will, at the approaching session, introduce a bill providing for the abolishment of the death penalty in murder cases. One of his arguments is that so many men have "conscientious scruples" against capital punishment that it is well nigh impossible to secure good juries in murder cases. He also argues that the death penalty has no deterrent effect on intending murderers and that the abolition of the penalty does not increase the number of murders.

The point regarding "conscientious scruples" we do not consider well taken. Many men summoned for jury duty in murder trials profess conscientious scruples because they do not want to give up two or three weeks of their time or more to their county. As a matter of fact, they would just as soon see the man hanged as not. There is no question, though, but that jurors feel keenly the responsibility of being obliged to say whether a defendant is to live or die. And the prosecution is required to prove its case beyond any possibility of doubt before the average jury will convict of murder in the first degree.

The Herald has always believed that the death penalty should stand. There are too many cases in which murderers, after being convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, have been set free by a pardon board to commit other crimes. It has been suggested that a law making pardons impossible in such cases would successfully meet this objection. But would not a law of that character make it impossible to secure the pardon of men unjustly convicted?

There are only four states in the Union in which no death penalty is provided by law in murder cases. Several have abolished and then restored the penalty. Among them are Illinois and Iowa, the latter state being without it just six years, from 1872 to 1878. In the four states in which there is no death penalty there is no evidence of an increase in the number of murders. But the reverse of the proposition is also true.

It may seem barbarous to execute men, but it is no less barbarous for men to murder. The primary law has it that "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Society must be protected from the murderer, and the only sure way of securing protection is to execute the killers just as often as cases can be made out against them.

Our friend, the turkey, is roosting high this Christmas, but there have been enjoyable dinners without turkey.

Even if he receives no presents at all, President Roosevelt will have a very happy Christmas. The people gave him his last month.

An Indiana powder inventor proved the other day that his stuff would explode with great violence. He blew himself to pieces with it.

Senator Smoot doubtless feels that it is perfectly safe for him to come to Utah for the holidays, as Fussy J. Anderson is staying in Washington to guard his interests.

The entire junior class at an eastern school resigned the other day because one of its members had been expelled. If there ever was a time when thick shingles applied manfully to trousers' seats could be in order this would seem to be it.

Our apologies to the weather man. He said it would snow yesterday. We quoted him as saying it would be clear. It was entirely unintentional, doctor, we hasten to assure you. But, really, it doesn't make an awful lot of difference. Anybody could tell it wasn't clear yesterday.

The children needn't worry. If there is anything at all in this there will be plenty of snow for Christmas. At least there will be enough for Santa Claus' sleigh. And the children needn't worry, anyway. Santa Claus is coming, even if he has to use an automobile.

Is there any reason why the son of George J. Gould, who fired a revolver over the heads of some boys who were trying to haze him, should not be prosecuted for carrying concealed weapons? Young Gould should not escape because of his rich father.

Society

A bower of green with the brilliant touch of scarlet—the characteristic Christmas decorations—arrested the guests of Miss Katherine Geddes at the dance given by her last evening in the Ladies' Literary club. The outer room was used as a reception hall and here the guests were met by the hostess and her father. Within the dance hall everything was bright with the Christmas colors. Across the front of the dais at the west a row of palms extended, screening the musicians, while at either end were seats arranged for the dancers. On the south an Oriental corner was arranged, and ropes of green studded with red berries hung here and there with mistletoe were festooned from the central lights to the sides of the hall. Rugs and divans in the corners and in the reception room gave the place a homelike air. Below stairs the entrance room was transformed into a smokers' den, and here, too, Oriental draperies and seats lent their artistic beauty. In the dining room a unique table decoration was arranged. The long table was done entirely in holly, and from a low bed of it in the center arose a miniature Christmas tree hung with all the good things of the season. Candelabra at either side held red candles and showed a decoration of red tulle, and holly was strewn over the cloth.

Fine music was furnished for the dancing, and the many beautiful gowns made the affair one of the delights of the holiday season. About 150 guests were invited.

Mrs. W. A. Pitt announces the engagement of her daughter, Bertha, to Norman C. Hopper. The wedding will take place shortly.

Mrs. C. D. Clark and daughter, Miss Laura Clark, have come to Evanston, Wyo., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore and daughters, Mary and Georgia, are in the city from San Francisco and are at home at the Keith apartment house. Mrs. Moore is a sister of Mrs. Samuel Newhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grant, Jr., of Ogden will be in the city tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grant on Sixth East street.

John F. Moyer passed through the city yesterday from Denver on his way to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lambkin and Lyman Lambkin have taken up their residence in Salt Lake and are now at home at 289 East First South street.

Mr. Lynn Kemper of Omaha will be in the city early in the week to remain till after New Year's, a guest at the Buckingham home on Seventh East street.

The members of the First Unitarian society will give an informal reception for Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Fish at the close of the dedication services Sunday.

There will be no meeting of the Browning section tomorrow, the regular meeting having been postponed till Jan. 12.

Hugh Park, Jr., will be in the city tomorrow on his way to Boston, where he goes to represent his fraternity. He will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Park, on J street.

Mrs. George Sutherland has issued invitations for an evening party for her daughter, Miss Edith Sutherland, to be given next Tuesday evening.

Harold Fabian will be home from Yale today to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Calvin, of Portland, Ore., and Miss Calvin, are in the city for a few days at the Kenyon.

Mrs. D. P. Simmons will be home tomorrow after an absence of several weeks with friends in Illinois.

The usual Christmas tree at St. Ann's orphanage will be tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bennett are now at home to their friends at Seventh and D streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shermer, and daughters, Misses Nellie and Florence, have gone to Denver to spend Christmas with Mr. Shermer's sister, Mrs. R. J. Williams.

On Display.

(Detroit Free Press.) Husband—Why in the world do you keep your new fur box hanging out on the line?

Mrs. Fluffy—Because I nearly roared with it on this kind of weather, and it's the only way I can let people know that I've got it!

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LIVE WIRES

Evidently the Gould stock is deteriorating. Kingdon's grandfather never needed a revolver to get out of a tight place.

The Japanese government refers to Port Arthur as "a certain fortress." It appears to be.

Among those who view the approach of Christmas with not unmixed joy may be mentioned the mail carriers and the clerks in the toy stores.

Judge Barch's friends in Washington are quoted as saying they believe his election to the senate would "tend to harmonize the differences in the Republican party in Utah." The countenances of Utah's Republican would have weight if the Republicans of Utah desired harmony.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$50,000 for additions to the heating plant of Chicago university. The money will, no doubt, be expended for oil stoves.

Not all the Christmas packages are being carried in the arms.

Although Platt has announced it will be a finish fight the Odell men are looking forward to a short contest.

Witnesses For Smoot.

(Telegraphic Message.) Washington, Dec. 22.—It is unofficially announced that Colonel Ed Loebe of Provo and Tom Hull of Salt Lake will be leading witnesses to appear before the senate committee on privileges and elections for the purpose of proving Smoot's fitness for his job. It is understood that Messrs. Loebe and Hull consider him eminently fitted. Other witnesses likely to be called for the same purpose are H. S. Tanner, William Spry, E. H. Callister, J. H. Anderson and George Sutherland. These men are spoken of as independent Republicans, not allied with any faction of the party, and it is expected each will pronounce Senator Smoot an able man.

It is understood a man who will say he does not believe church influence was used to elect Smoot has been found.

The Smoot men are very hopeful.

IMPENITENTIA ULTIMA.

[Alloysius Coll in Buffalo News.] I wish my clothes was pasted on my back like a dog's.

Or like th' bark that's fastened on a pile of hemlock logs.

Then every time I trimmed my kite, or jiggered by little boat.

An' started up in somethin' warm—an' so I've got 't, tote.

A pair of skates an' rubber shoes an' gloves an' overcoat!

One day when me an' Nell was huntin' 'errie down th' Nell.

Th' hired man rattled by—and had a wagon load of grain.

An' he'd 'a' taken me along, if Nell jes' hadn't said:

"He can't go into town without a hat upon his head."

In winter, when th' sheddin' an' th' skatin' is comin'.

I never leave th' house but what I'm ordered back ag'in.

T' bundle up in somethin' warm—an' so I've got 't, tote.

A pair of skates an' rubber shoes an' gloves an' overcoat!

An' in th' mornin', when th' birds is singin' in th' trees.

I'm later gittin' out than all th' chipmunks an' the bees.

Jes' 'cause I have 't sit aroun' a-pullin' at a shoe.

That won't go on fer knotted string, or 'cause it's wet with dew.

That's why I wish my clothes was pasted on me, like the dog's.

Or like th' bark that's fastened on a pile of hemlock logs.

Then every time I wished 't have a swim or take a dose.

I wouldn't have 't wait till I had shed my Sunday clothes.

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